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DUCHESS DE NEMOURS
(SEE SECTION-D)

GEORGE H. PETERSON
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FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

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Why you should order early: Many Peonies in the better grades are in limited supply and are over-sold yearly. The propagation of the Peony is slow, and we do not "make" varieties to order. If your order is not sent in promptly after catalogue is mailed, please name one or two possible substitutes or instruct us to return money, if that is preferred. Where selection is left to my judgment, I always send greater value than remittance represents.

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No charge for packing except on large orders at special price. No charge in any case for delivery to Transportation Companies.

Substitutions. Please state what is to be done in case some variety is sold on receipt of your order—whether you wish your money returned or some equally valuable variety substituted.

Remittances may be made by Bank Draft, Express or P. O. Money Order on Fair Lawn, N. J., Check or Currency in Registered Letter; same to accompany order.

Open Accounts. Any one desiring to open an account will please send financial references, which he should understand will take a few days to investigate. No account opened for an initial order of less than \$10.00.

Complaints, if made immediately on receipt of goods, will be investigated, and, if due to any fault or negligence on my part, will be promptly satisfied

Introduction

The glories of Peony blooming time have just again passed—the time for preparation for next season will soon be here. Will you this year heed the call?

The unparalleled splendor of our Peony display this year, which I am satisfied was the greatest showing of fine Peonies the world has ever seen, won more “converts” than usual, and brought forth many exclamations of mingled wonder and delight. And who could go through the exhibition gardens and the two three-year fields nearby and then look back and down upon our distant back field of two-year and one-year Peonies without sharing the expressed thought of one who exclaimed, “My, but you have the earth for your canvas!”

Deprived from exhibiting in the National Peony Show, held this year in Philadelphia one hundred miles south of us, and when we had only two varieties in bloom, we had later here, however, a more or less national show, as visitors came from several states to see an exhibition which threw into insignificance any show held indoors.

It is particularly gratifying to one who loves the Peony to observe the increased interest manifested in this flower in this our year of war. Mankind, having risen far above the animal state, can no more “live by bread alone” in a material sense than in a spiritual one. To many of us flowers are a necessity, and now when our minds are greatly troubled by reason of having been swept into the vortex of the world war, they are doubly comforting.

And then, too, to those of you who intend to purchase Peonies this year, there will be an added comfort in finding that at least one thing can be purchased today which has not increased in price. My Peonies, except for the usual fluctuation annually in the price of a variety here and there, cost the same as they did before the war began.

Although last year was our banner one from a sales standpoint, this season from present indications will at least equal it. Even now, before the catalog is issued, we already have many orders booked, and many prospective customers are getting impatient for the 1917 issue. Among the orders most recently received is one amounting to several hundred dollars from China. Think of it! The

flower that was China's own for centuries, first going to Europe, then to America, and now, vastly improved, clothed in raiment of wondrous and enthralling beauty, and bearing the scent of the gods, going back again to the home of its ancestors. I wonder how these new aristocratic cousins from the new world will be received! Surely some noses will be turned up and some put out of joint.

This business, starting in 1905, followed a ten-year amateur devotion to the Peony. A combination of love for my calling, enthusiasm, and hard work has brought this business a more than national fame. When you buy "Peterson Peonies" you are assured of getting the strongest, biggest-eyed roots it is possible for skilled effort to produce. You are also assured of getting them, to the last root, absolutely true to name. We sell roots only of our own propagation and growing, and which by their flowering here have first proved their trueness. Thousands of planters of "The King of Flowers" *know* this. May I convince you too?

Faithfully yours,

GEO. H. PETERSON,

President.

Fair Lawn, N. J., June 30, 1917.

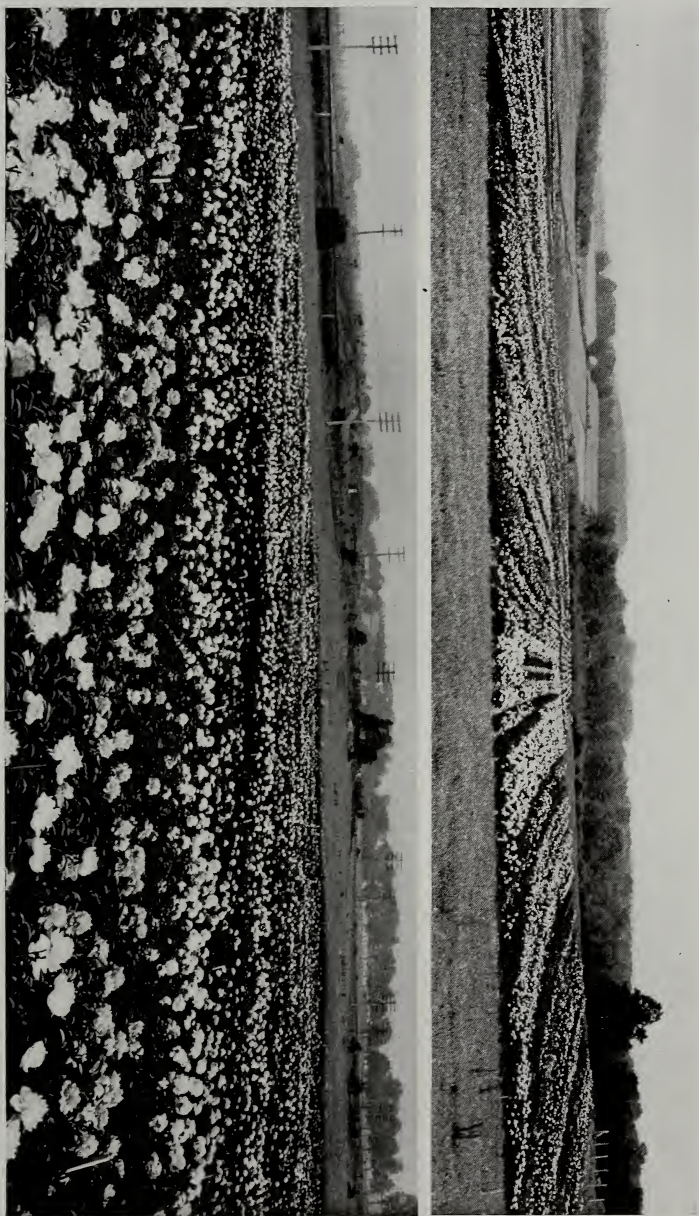
Your Attention Is Called to
"THE BOOK OF THE PEONY"

BY MRS. EDWARD HARDING.

At last the peony lover has a real book devoted to his favorite flower, and it is a work written by an amateur grower for amateurs. Mrs. Harding writes of the peony not only instructively but in a style of unusual grace and charm, and I earnestly urge you to obtain a copy of her most helpful and beautiful book.

It has been my pleasure to know Mrs. Harding for several years past as she has been a frequent visitor here during the blooming season. Her book has not been written with any thought of financial gain, but simply from her love and enthusiasm for a subject which is so dear to many of us.

The enclosed circular will give fuller particulars concerning this book, which costs \$6.00 net, plus carriage. We shall, however, be glad to send a copy upon receipt of price, carriage charges prepaid when accompanied by an order for roots amounting to \$5.00 or more.



The upper illustration is a distant view of our "back field" of Peonies. The lower picture is one of our two-year fields—both photographed this year.

Planting and Cultivation

The Herbaceous Peony is of such simple culture, and so easy to grow, that but little instruction will be necessary in order that the beginner may produce the finest blooms. While it will grow and bloom under conditions in which most plants would perish, it will well repay, in largely increased size and beauty of bloom, a thorough preparation of soil.

Where such fancy blooms are wanted, it will be well to excavate the proposed beds to a depth of 2 to 2½ feet and fill in with good loam or garden soil, which has been well worked and broken (not sifted) and mixed with 3 inches of well-rotted stable manure. If only new manure is obtainable, it should be mixed well with the soil in bottom of trench up to within about 15 inches of surface, and applied *lightly* as a mulch on the surface after planting.

In preparing beds do not put the manure in layers and let it remain so, as many do. The manure should be made as fine as possible and thoroughly *mixed* with the soil—not merely turned over. A flat-tined fork, such as is used for digging potatoes, is the implement needed here. The ordinary spade is of little use.

Too much manure is often used for the Peony's good, with the result that decay of root sometimes sets in. Where the ground is very fertile it is often wise to use no manure.

Should one decide in spring or summer to plant in fall, and only new manure is obtainable, the bed may at once be made, and with a forking over every two weeks, ideal conditions will be had by fall. In the heat of summer, manure quickly disintegrates when handled thus. The object of the above is to give the root abundant plant-food and yet prevent hunks or lumps of decaying manure to come into direct contact with it, which might start rot to set in. There is such a thing as getting the ground too rich for the Peony.

CHARACTER OF SOIL

Probably the very best soil for the Peony is one which is neither too heavy with clay nor too light with sand, one which might be termed a heavy loam, and such as would make a good vegetable garden. Such a soil should be fairly retentive of moisture, and the Peony, being a strong, quick grower, can absorb much water.

Never plant the Peony in soil where peonies have grown before or at least until quite a number of years have elapsed. Disregard of this will result in comparative or even complete failure.

WHEN TO PLANT

The best season for planting the Peony is in fall, after the roots are well ripened. In this latitude, this occurs in most varieties after mid-September, and is shown in the foliage becoming yellow. Many nurserymen begin digging in August, but a glance at your Peonies then, will show the foliage still quite fresh and green. The roots, too, will suffer from shriveling if dug and shipped while weather is hot.



Festiva Maxima (See page 17)

DEPTH AND DISTANCE TO PLANT

The root should be set so that the upper eyes are about two to three inches beneath the surface of the soil, and, if planted in permanent beds, should be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart, according to room at one's disposal. When planted in field for cut-flower purposes, the plants should be set 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart in row, and rows from 4 to 5 feet apart, or plant 4 x 4 to permit cross cultivation.

WATERING

No water need be applied when planting in fall. In the spring, after growths appear above ground and rains prove infrequent, copious waterings will be very helpful in promoting strong growth and producing large blooms. From the time buds begin to show color, care should be exercised to keep them and the open flowers as dry as possible, confining the water, as much as possible, to the ground.

If the soil is fertile, plain water will be best to use, and if necessary to use manure-water, apply in weak solution.

CUTTING BLOOMS

When cutting flowers, always leave at least two leaf stems on stalk cut. It is best not to cut all of the flowers as it is of vital importance that sufficient foliage be left on the plant all summer to develop the eyes under ground for next season's growths.

AFTER THE BLOOMING SEASON

The plants will make no further top growth after the blooming season is over. Keep the ground about them stirred and free from weeds, and water need be applied only when ground is quite dry.

Seed-pods and remains of flowers may be cut off, but do not under any circumstances remove foliage until October. I repeat this since I have known people to cut off all foliage to the ground after the blooming season was over.

WINTERING

So far as protection from cold is concerned, the Peony does not ask it in even the most severe climate. The first winter, the roots, being loose in the ground, will require a light protection (an inch or so) of strawy manure or other porous material. After this, if the ground has been made deep and rich, as directed, I would advise withholding all manure and protection for several years, and, when it does again become necessary to fertilize, the manure should be broadcasted rather than placed directly over the crown of the plant, which latter, study and observation have shown me, often induces decay to set in.

A heavy mulching, having to some extent the same effect as a deep planting, will often be followed by blind growths or buds which fail to develop. (See "Why Some Peonies Do Not Bloom.")

DISEASES AND INSECTS

The Peony is practically immune from general diseases. See to it that you get healthy plants to begin with, and then you will have nothing to fear.

During a very wet spring season some foliage, buds and even stems will rot, but unless the whole plant is affected (and this has practically never happened here among the many thousands of plants we grow yearly), one need not be unduly alarmed.

The only insect which ever, even slightly, injures the Peony is the Rose Chafer, which will sometimes be found eating the petals of the flower. With the exception of the later varieties, the Peony is usually done blooming ere this pest appears, and so it would, perhaps, be wise, where the chafer is annually very troublesome, and one has no inclination to combat it, to omit the later sorts. The Peony is, however, so very large, with dense petalage, that this bug when it does attack a flower, usually buries itself in the petals, and does not disfigure it as it does a Rose or other flower.

ANTS, which are often seen on the buds as they are developing, are there to gather a sweet, gum-like substance which the bud exudes. They do no harm to the coming flower nor to the plant, and will disappear on opening of flowers.



Rubens (See page 15)

WHY SOME PEONIES DO NOT BLOOM

As this is a question sometimes asked, I will here answer it for the benefit of all interested.

In the first place, a Peony root, whether large or small, recently transplanted, will usually throw up more or less blind shoots, or with small buds which fail to develop. This effect will also often be produced by very deep planting or too heavy a mulching over winter. (See "Wintering.")

Occasionally very severe late frosts, after the Peonies are well above ground, will also destroy the coming blooms. This, however, has never happened to a serious extent in this latitude during the many years I have been interested in Peonies, but in some localities I have known this to destroy practically the entire crop, although it did not seriously affect subsequent growth of the plant for the season.

Lack of moisture or fertility will also affect the blooming qualities of a plant. The Peony requires much moisture during the few weeks preceding its blooming time—afterward, having by June, made its entire growth above ground for the season, moderate moisture will do.

Then again, there are many thousands of Peony plants all over the country which should never have found a place in the private garden. A grower raises seedling Peonies by the acre. He must cultivate them several years before they bloom, and when they do bloom he finds few or none that are as good as varieties already in existence, but lacking the courage to dig them up and throw them away, he sells them to the average nurseryman, to whom all roots look alike, and thus they find their way into the planter's hands. Very probably many of these seedlings have never bloomed and some of them probably never will.

In my own tests of varieties, one that does not begin to bloom within two or three years from planting is discarded, and it must be a very distinct and unusually good variety to be retained and offered here if it does not bloom well and regularly *every* season after having become established. It is true that there are some varieties which are tardy in beginning to bloom. Take, for instance, Richardson's Rubra Superba, a variety we scarcely ever get flowers from the first two seasons after planting, but it is such an unusually fine Peony, and blooming when practically all other Peonies are gone, it must be retained.

Of course, there will always be some blind growths, even on well-established plants. A fruit tree does not mature all its blossoms, and some years a potato plant yields three times as much as in another season; but, taking it all in all, the Peony is a plant of easy culture, and year in and year out will, with ordinary care, give a good account of itself.



A Single Plant of Avalanche (See Page 21)

USES

There is probably no other plant with such varied usefulness. For effective massing in landscape work the Peony is unequalled. As an edging or facing for shrubbery, it is likewise good. Planted in beds, or borders, or as specimen plants on the lawn, it is equally at home. It is particularly attractive when used to border a drive or walk.

An attractive use for the Peony is low, ornamental, lawn hedging. This, of course, applies where only ornament and not defense is required. The dark, glossy-green foliage, untouched by disease or insects, is exceedingly attractive through the spring and hot summer months.

And the cost, too, in some of the most desirable low-priced sorts will prove quite moderate, since the plants for this purpose may be set $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet apart, and a single row is quite ample.

AS A CUT FLOWER

It is hardly equaled. Cut as the bud is about to unfold, and placed in water in a cool room, where the air is fresh night and day, most varieties will last several days. The blooms will then be superior to those left to open on the plant and exposed to the heat of the sun.

Set at once in a cold, dark cellar, the different varieties may be kept several days longer than their blooming period. Bring up as wanted.

MOST ECONOMICAL PLANT TO BUY

While its first cost may seem high, it is really the most economical plant one can buy from the fact that it represents a *permanent* investment and one which pays annual dividends of increase of at least 100 per cent. Almost every family, of even the most moderate means, spends annually quite a tidy little sum in Bulbs, Geraniums, and other bedding plants, and at the end of the year has nothing left to show for it. Plant the Peony, and it will last as long as you do—and longer. Plantings may be left undisturbed from ten to twenty years, or even longer, if the soil is occasionally enriched.

THE PLANTS I SEND OUT

"One-year" plants are those which have grown a full year since division. "Two-year" plants have grown two years since division, and where the cost can be borne, are, of course, more desirable, as the immediate effect is greater. "Three-year" plants are very heavy clumps, and are well worth the price asked. They will make a large, bushy plant at once.

Do not let the mere number of eyes claimed influence you, as a weak root with from six to ten small eyes may not flower for several years, while two or three good plump eyes (and most of my smallest size plants will average double this), with strong roots behind them, will flower the first season. Even in one-year stock, I aim to send out only roots which will produce some bloom the first season, if well planted, and this we can invariably do if your order is received fairly early.



DISBUDDING

Most Peonies usually set three or more buds to a stem. (See cut above.) All but the central (largest) bud should be pinched off as soon as they can be gotten hold of, if the finest individual blooms are wanted.

THE QUALITY OF MY ROOTS

Is something exceptional. If you have purchased Peonies of others, you will be astonished at my strong, clean, fresh roots, with big, plump eyes, that "mean business."

For several years now my Peonies have been growing on an exceptional piece of land and with clean, thorough tillage all summer, very unusual results are attained. In short, these roots are the best that intelligent human effort can produce, and in Peonies they will be found to lead all other roots, just as my "EPOCH ROSES" lead all other Roses produced anywhere in the world.

TRUENESS

Desirable as it is to get fine strong roots, it is even of greater importance that stock be true to name, and it is in this phase of the business that I especially challenge comparison. During the blooming season my personal time is devoted almost exclusively to proving stock, and I maintain trial and test gardens such as cannot be found elsewhere in this country. The pith of all this is well, if briefly, expressed in the enthusiastic statement of a patron, "If you get it of Peterson, it's true."

HOW THE PEONY IS SENT TO YOU

The Peony is sent out in the form of a root (see cut opposite), from which, when dormant, will be seen protruding pinkish "eyes" or buds, the strongest of which will throw up next season's flowering shoots.

WHEN SHIPMENT IS MADE

We usually begin digging about September 15th, and ship after that date, unless shipment is especially requested earlier.

We do not ship Peonies in the spring. The spring planter, since most Peonies are sold and planted in the fall, must take the leavings, no matter where he purchases, and then, too, it is almost an impossibility to dig and pack Peony roots in the spring without breakage of the brittle, tender growths. Fall is the natural time to plant this noble flower.

CAN BE SHIPPED SAFELY ANYWHERE

The Peony, in fall can stand without injury a journey of months, if kept from prolonged heat, which would start it into growth. There is, in fact, no flower which can be transported over long distances with greater safety.



A Dormant Peony Root

WHY YOU SHOULD ORDER EARLY

It will be to your interest to send in your order promptly on receipt of this catalogue. This may save you disappointment, as some varieties are in very limited supply and cannot be obtained from reliable sources. Some varieties I can supply by the hundred. Early orders also get the strongest roots. The receipt of your order and remittance will be acknowledged by return mail.

EXHIBITION

In June of each year we give an exhibition, at the nurseries, of both Roses and Peonies. Peonies are usually at their best, the second week of June. Roses, in the exhibition beds, attain their height about the middle of June, and in the fields about the first week of July—this retarded flowering being caused by pinching the young shoots back in May to form a bushy plant.

Seasons vary, however, and so if you really intend to come, advise me of the fact and your name will be entered for notification at the proper time.

HOW TO REACH NURSERIES

My nurseries are located on Fair Lawn Avenue, near the railroad depot of Fair Lawn, on the Bergen County branch of the Erie R. R. They can also be reached by trolley via "Hudson River Line," foot of West 130th Street, New York. Take Paterson car and change at Ridgewood Junction (just before reaching Paterson) to a Ridgewood car, which leave at Fair Lawn Avenue, and walk eastward (to right) one-half mile. The nurseries are less than two miles east of the north end of Paterson.

Visitors may inspect flowers on Sunday also, but positively no business is done on that day.

The Varieties I Offer

The list I offer is sufficiently long to embrace the various colors, forms, and seasons of the Peony, but not so long as to make selection by the average planter needlessly difficult and perplexing. In fact, I aim to keep my list as brief as seems advisable, and have yearly eliminated from my collection and trial beds such sorts as have proved inferior or too much like other established sorts. This elimination requires a certain courage which few growers exercise, with the result that a long and confusing list is set before the prospective buyer, and which necessarily must contain duplicate or inferior kinds, or both.

Of course, I have in my collection varieties other than those catalogued. Occasionally a variety is sold rather close and must be withheld from public offering a year or two. Then, too, I have some of the new, rare kinds which are sold up as fast as they can be propagated from a very small beginning, and which sell up to \$15 apiece for one-year roots.

Prices

Are net, as quoted, except as noted below, and are as low as a like quality can anywhere be obtained. The thorough cultivation given my Peonies, going over the fields with the cultivator and hoe every ten days the entire season, and the extreme care exercised in handling, labeling and packing, I have never seen equaled elsewhere. And remember that a Peony root quoted at a certain price may actually be worth two or three of same variety quoted for less money elsewhere.

DISCOUNTS

Orders amounting to \$10.00.....	5% off
“ “ “ 25.00.....	10% “
“ “ “ 50.00 and upward.....	15% “

Above discounts apply to everything except the three collections on page 29, which are net at the special prices quoted.



Mad. de Galhau (See page 23)

Herbaceous Chinese Peonies

(*Paeonia Albiflora*)

Section A

1 year, 35 cents; 2 year, 60 cents; 3 year, \$1.00 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

ACHILLE (Calot). Delicate flesh. Buds and half-open flowers exquisitely beautiful. Foliage very distinct and beautiful, dark green, with crimped edges. Fine habit. 1-2-3.

DELECOURT VERHILLE (Delecourt Verhille). Large, flesh, guard petals; center straw color. Good, upright grower and very profuse, sure bloomer. Good for massing. 2-3.

DUCHESS D'ORLEANS (Guerin). Large, carmine-pink guard petals, with center of soft pink, interspersed with salmon. Nice pointed bud. Tall grower. An exceedingly good, perfect bloomer and very pretty flower. One of the most desirable of the low-cost sorts. 1-2-3.

EDULIS SUPERBA (Lemon). Beautiful, brilliant rose-pink, silvery reflex; large, well-formed, full flower on strong stem. Blooms very early, just before Festiva Maxima. Lasts well. Fragrant and good in every way. A much worthier sort than its price would seem to indicate. There is quite a stock of it in existence. 1-2-3.

HUMEI (Anderson). Large, full flower. Guard petals delicate rose pink, center whitish pink with touches of carmine. Very late bloomer. Found in many old-time gardens. 1-2.

MAD. LEBON (Calot). Very large, full bloom; tall, erect grower. Showy flower. Petals broad, brilliant cherry-pink, intermixed with narrow salmon petals; silvery reflex. Late mid-season. 1-2.

MEISSONNIER (Crousse). Very brilliant crimson, full flower, coming late mid-season on very long, wiry stems. Foliage remarkably narrow. Color is wonderfully rich and brilliant. 1-2-3.

NEC PLUS ULTRA (Miellez). Fresh rose-pink, shaded with lively pink. Fine, large bloom on long stem. 1-2-3.

QUEEN VICTORIA (?). Outer petals flesh white; center rosy white, shaded with salmon; center petals tipped with carmine. Good bloomer and habit. 1-2-3.

RUBRA TRIUMPHANS (Guerin). Brilliant dark crimson. The foliage is also very dark, with reddish stalks, presenting, especially in the early season, a pleasing contrast when planted with a light green foliage sort like Duchess de Nemours (Calot). 1-2.

ZOE CALOT (Miellez). Very large and full, globular bloom; soft pink, shaded lilac. Stems very erect and stout; very prolific, sure bloomer. 2-3.

Section B

1 year, 50 cents; 2 year, 85 cents; 3 year, \$1.25 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

CANARI (Guerin). Outer petals flesh white, with yellow center. Very tall grower; sweetly fragrant. Very prolific bloomer. 1-2.

CHARLEMAGNE (Crousse). Rosy white, shaded lilac and chamois. Very full and well-rounded bloom. Opens very slowly and lasts well. Fragrant and exquisite when in perfection, but cannot stand a great deal of wet weather. Very late variety. 1-2-3.

- DR. BRETONNEAU (Verdier).** Full, globular bloom, evenly formed. Beautiful even shade of bright soft pink. Sold also under name of Lady Leonora Bramwell. 1—2—3.
- JENNY LIND.** Large, full, bright pink variety. Very tall grower. Good, profuse bloomer. Splendid value for price asked. 1—2—3.
- LA COQUETTE (Guerin).** A jaunty flower of moderate height; good bloomer. Nicely formed, full rose-colored flower, with center of carmine and salmony flesh. 1—2—3.
- MARECHAL VALLIANT (Calot).** Immense, full, purplish red flower, coming on very long stems. The flower is very solid, heavy, and somewhat drooping in habit. One of the showiest Peonies grown and one of the last to bloom. Always a prize winner at the late shows. 1—2.
- MATHILDE DE ROSENECK (Crousse).** Exceedingly tall grower and good, late bloomer. Flower extremely large and full. Color flesh-pink, shaded with chamois and delicately edged carmine. 1—2—3.
- PULCHERRIMA (Guerin).** Large and full flower produced freely. Color violaceous pink. Good habit and a most worthy sort for its price. 1—2—3.
- RUBENS (Delache).** Deep, unusually rich, brilliant crimson, flower moderately full, showing golden stamens in center, making a beautiful and striking contrast. Fine for color effect. 1—2—3.
- VAN DYCK (Crousse).** Large bloom, convex anemone-shaped; very fresh salmon pink, center shaded chamois. Good habit and bloomer. 1.



Aurore (See page 24)



A Block of Mad. Calot (See page 19)

Section C

1 year, 60 cents; 2 year, \$1.00; 3 year, \$1.60 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

ALEXANDER DUMAS (Guerin). A pretty shade of bright pink, with chamois, white and salmon intermingling; flowers large and very full. A most attractive and showy variety, combining several colors but in general effect pink. Very good and reliable. 1—2—3.

BEAUTE DE VILLECANTE (Gombault). Large, full flower. Pink and delicate flesh; exquisitely fresh, rosy color. Good upright grower. 1—2—3.

BOULE DE NEIGE (Calot). Very large, cup-shaped, sulphur-white flower with golden reflections. Center petals freely bordered carmine. Buds marked and splashed carmine, as in La Tulipe. Fine, strong, upright grower; stems long and stout. Fine dark foliage. Fragrance very strong and sweet. 1—2—3.

CANDIDISSIMA (Calot). Large, cream-white guard petals; center sulphur-yellow, with green heart, very full and compact; graceful, slightly drooping habit. The earliest of the white and yellow varieties to bloom. Under fair cultivation the flower is very large and of rarely delicate beauty. 1—2.

COMTE DE PARIS (Guerin). Pretty, anemone-shaped flower; outer petals pink, center soft pink and salmon-yellow, with tuft of bright pink petals edged with crimson. A very pretty and floriferous sort. 1—2—3.

DE CANDOLLE (Verdier). Brilliant, currant amaranth. Immense, full, imbricated, wonderfully showy bloom. Profuse bloomer. 1—2.

DELACHEI (Delache). Large and full, deep, rich, dark crimson flower. Good grower and bloomer and fine for massing effects; fragrant. Late mid-season. 1—2.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON (Calot). Guard petals white, very broad; center petals sulphur-white, narrow and very full. The large, finely-formed flowers come on long, firm stems. A good, free bloomer; deliciously fragrant. 1-2-3.

FESTIVA MAXIMA (Mieliez). Very large and full pure white flower, with few center petals usually tipped with blood-red spots. A very vigorous grower, with massive foliage, flowers coming on long, stiff stems. Fragrant, early, and blooms most abundantly. Perhaps the very best all-around white we possess. It is certainly the most popular. 1-2-3.

FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfield). Very delicate salmon pink, with green heart. Rosy tinge on first opening. Good upright grower and bloomer. Flower large and full; foliage light green. A charming flower where delicacy of coloring is desired. 1-2-3.

GENERAL BERTRAND (Guerin). Deep rose-pink, large guard petals, center well filled with small salmony-pink petals edged with whitish pink. Splendid habit and foliage; nice, elongated bud; in all of which points it resembles Modeste Guerin, and is sold, even by specialists, for that variety. It lacks, however, the solid color, and firmness of guard petals, found in Modeste Guerin. 1-2-3.

JEANNE D'ARC (Calot). Soft pink, sulphur-white and rose; center spotted carmine. A unique and charming combination of colors. Moderately strong grower, a very free bloomer, flowers invariably coming perfect. The most popular of the tri-colored sorts. 1-2-3.

LA TULIPE (Calot). Flesh-pink, shading to ivory-white, center petals tipped and outer petals freely striped with carmine. Large, very fragrant, globular flowers, borne on long, stiff stems; very strong grower. Very striking bud; distinct and desirable. 1-2.

MAD. CHAUMY (Calot). Large, very full and compact flower, beautifully formed. Silky petals, soft pink, shaded with bright rose. Slightly drooping, graceful habit. Splendid on well-established plants under rich cultivation. Late and very sure, profuse bloomer. 2.

MAD. DE VERNEVILLE (Crousse). Exceedingly fine, full, anemone-shaped flower. Broad guard petals, sulphur-white; center rosy-white, with an occasional edging of carmine; beautifully imbricated. Very sweet, rose-like fragrance. Blooms early and very abundantly. A flower to love. 1-2-3.

MARECHAL MacMAHON (Calot). Very large, convex bloom. Broad guard petals, center petals narrow and built up close and high, ball-shaped. Color on opening, deep, rich, vinous red. Strong grower with large, very dark, glossy foliage; stems very stiff. Very fine bud. Blooms late mid-season. An indispensable Peony. 1-2.

PHILOMELE (Calot). Guard petals soft pink; center a real deep golden yellow with center tuft of rose, bordered carmine. Very distinct and sweet syringa-like fragrance. Possesses the deepest yellow to be found in Peonies. Good lasting qualities. One of the most striking varieties. 1-2-3.

RUBRA SUPERBA (Richardson). Deep, rich, brilliant crimson. Large, full flower; strong grower. Blooms when nearly all other Peonies are gone. Fair bloomer on established plants, but does not do much the first year or two. Undoubtedly the best very late crimson. This year it was particularly good. 2-3.

Note special collections offered on page 29.

Discounts on page 13.

Section D

1 year, 75 cents; 2 year, \$1.25; 3 year, \$2.00 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

DUCHESS DE NEMOURS (Calot). Guard petals white, center lemon-yellow, with greenish reflex. The flower opens at first cup-shaped, disclosing its lovely lemon-yellow center, then gradually develops into a large well-formed bloom which gradually fades to white. Among all Peonies there is nothing so exquisitely chaste as this variety in a half-open state. A good, profuse, sure bloomer; sweetly fragrant. Fine habit. Splendid cut-flower and all-around variety. Blooms early. (See color plate on front cover.) 1—2—3.



Boule de Neige (See page 16)

L'INDISPENSABLE (sold by some as **Eugene Verdier**). An enormous, heavy flower of wonderfully solid petalage. Very soft, pleasing, sea-shell pink. This variety has been grown in Holland for quite some time under above name, but its origination has not been definitely established. It is not, however, Eugene Verdier. With certain soil and weather conditions present, the outer petals sometimes turn brown, adhere together and prevent the flower opening. Where this condition prevails the bloom will expand if these bound petals are gently removed. When sprinkling, keep water off buds and you will soon possess a flower of royal beauty. 1-2-3.

MAD. CALOT (Mieliez). Broad, flesh, guard petals; center blush, deepening to delicate crushed strawberry, surrounded with small, straw-white petals. Flower very large, full and superbly built; early and fragrant. Growth and stems ideal. Very free bloomer. Whole effect fleshy-salmon-white, fading to white. Not so promising on young plants, but on established ones it is truly superb, and this, together with its sure and abundant blooming qualities, places it, in my estimation, as one of the very foremost Peonies for general planting. 1-2-3.

MAD. DE VATRY (Guerin). Large, perfectly formed blooms. outer petals clear flesh; center sulphurish, rosy white marked with carmine. A pleasing Peony. 1-2-3.

MARIE STUART (Calot). Large, anemone-shaped bloom. Outer petals broad, soft pink; center pink and sulphur-white, sometimes touched with carmine. Sweetly fragrant. Very early. 1-2-3.

MONS. BOUCHARLAT-AINE (Calot). Large, full bloom of beautifully rounded and symmetrical form and of nice erect habit. Nice, lively pink, tinted delicate lilac with silvery reflex. Profuse bloomer. 1-2-3.

ROSE D'AMOUR (Calot). Large, full, cupped flower; soft fleshy pink; very distinct even shade. A coloring of exquisite freshness. 2-3.

SOUV. DE L'EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE (Calot). Very large, full flower; rich, clear, brilliant pink with silvery reflex. Good, prolific bloomer. This is, perhaps, the clearest pink of all Peonies without a suggestion of purple. 1-2-3.

UMBELLATA ROSEA. (Syn. Sarah Bernhardt.) (**Dessert.**) Broad guard petals, delicate rose-pink. Center petals short, straw-yellow, with tufts of whitish pink. Habit ideal; flowers borne on stiff, upright stems. Fragrance delicate and agreeable. Blooms young and abundantly. The first of the Albiflora sorts to flower; usually in bloom here by Decoration Day. A lovely Peony. 1-2.

Section E

1 year, 85 cents; 2 year, \$1.35; 3 year, \$2.00 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

ARMANDINE MECHIN (Mechin). Large, full, clear amaranth flower. Probably the most brilliant and dazzling red Peony in cultivation. Very desirable. 1-2-3.

EDOUARD ANDRE (Mechin). Deep, brilliant, crimson-red, full flower with metallic reflex showing golden yellow stamens. This is the earliest of all the very dark reds. Bush is of only moderate height. 2-3.

FELIX CROUSSE (Crousse). Large, anemone, ball-shaped bloom. Color brilliant, dazzling red, with ruby-flamed center. Good grower and bloomer. Probably the best all-around red. 1-2-3.

LIVINGSTONE (Crousse). Very large, full, evenly formed and shaded bloom. Color beautiful soft pink. Good, erect grower and bloomer. Stems tall and stout. Reliable young bloomer. Season late. Magnificent bud. 2-3.

LOUISE RENAULT (Crousse). Very large and full bloom, petals very broad. Color unique—a solid slatish pink. Fragrance very spicy and the most delightfully refreshing of all Peonies. Good habit and stems. Blooms late. 1-2-3.

- MAD. EMILE GALLE (Crousse).** Large, cup-shaped, imbricated flower, soft lilac pink; center shaded soft flesh and cream, fading to rosy white. Coloring of great delicacy. Splendid bud. Foliage very distinct dull green. Late. Extra. 1—2.
- MAD. GEISSLER (Crousse).** Gigantic, full bloom; rather flat when fully open. Glossy lilac, rose pink, shaded to Bengal rose at base of petals. One of the largest of all Peonies. 1—2.
- MARIE LEMOINE (Calot).** Large, sulphur-white, full and well-built flower, delicately shaded chamois, with narrow carmine edge. The massive bloom comes late on a very stout, erect stem of medium height. A sort the Peony enthusiast raves over, as well he may. 1—2.
- MODESTE GUERIN (Guerin).** Very large, anemone, ball-shaped bloom, perfectly built. Bright carmine pink, solid color. Splendid habit and foliage. Very fine, elongated bud. This is a superb and distinct Peony. 1—2—3.
- MONS. DUPONT (Calot).** Very large, cup-shaped, perfectly built flower; creamy white, center petals bordered with lively carmine, and lit up with golden stamens at base of petals. Exceedingly rich bloom and deliciously fragrant. Good, tall grower. Blooms rather late, preceding Couronne d'Or. A truly royal flower. 1—2—3.
- MONS. KBELAGE (Crousse).** Large to very large full flower; deep wine-red. Solid color; fine habit; very fragrant. 1.
- MRS. MCKINLEY (Terry).** Very distinct and oddly formed flower, having a single row of broad, deep pink guard petals, center filled with narrow straw and chamois-colored petals. Habit ideal, with good blooming qualities. 1—2.
- OCTAVIE DEMAY (Calot).** Very large and full, well-built flower. Rosy blush on first opening, fading to white, with occasional coloring of carmine in center. Color of exceeding freshness. Plant is somewhat dwarf, but bears regularly and prolifically its very large flowers on stiff, upright stems. Early bloomer. Fragrant. In my opinion this variety is one of the most charming and meritorious of all Peonies. 1—2—3.
- SOUV. DE L'EXPOSITION DE BORDEAUX (Dessert).** Moderate size flower, described by the introducer as "bluish violet and vinous red, with brilliant reflex." Densely filled with narrow, pointed petals. Very distinct and striking color. 1—2—3.



Felix Crousse (See page 19)



Adolphe Rousseau (See page 24)

Section F

1 year, \$1.00; 2 year, \$1.60; 3 year, \$2.50 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

ALBERT CROUSSE (Crousse). Large, very full, evenly formed bloom; fresh-pink; center shaded with clear pink. Petalage small and very dense. A high-class, late Peony. 1—2—3.

ASA GRAY (Crousse). Very large, full and perfectly formed bloom. Salmon and fleshy pink, petals beautifully marked and marbled with carmine-lilac. Tall, upright grower, and profuse, sure bloomer. Words cannot paint the beauty and worth of this gem among Peonies. 1—2.

ATROSANGUINEA (Calot). Large, full bloom. Color deep scarlet-red tinged with violet; bright golden-yellow stamens showing through flower. Very brilliant and showy. Superb habit. Fragrant. 1—2.

AVALANCHE (Crousse). Very large and full, milky-white flower of perfect form, reflecting yellow from the base of petals; few center petals very delicately edged with carmine. Fine, strong grower, good bloomer and delightfully fragrant; late mid-season. Really superb and by many considered the best white of all. 1—2.

CONSTANT DEVEDÉ (Calot). One of the last of all Peonies to bloom. Very large, full and evenly formed violet pink flower, coming on exceptionally strong, upright stems. Good and reliable. 1—2.

COUROUTE D'OR (Crown of Gold). (Calot.) Very large and full imbricated flower of superb form. White, reflecting yellow, center petals bordered with carmine; golden stamens showing through and lighting up flower. Solidly and perfectly built from edge to center. Fragrant, a good grower and reliable bloomer. Blooms moderately late, preceding Marie Lemoine. 1—2.

LA ROSIERE (Crousse). An exceedingly charming, cup-shaped flower. White, with small yellow center, suggesting an immense pond-lily. Moderately large flower, coming on a bush of moderate height. An appealing Peony of unusual distinctiveness. 1—2.

MAD. BABILLET-DESCHAMPS (Calot). Very tender pink, bordered with white and shaded with lively silvery tints. Golden stamens reflected throughout flower. An immense, full ball of silk and satin, very sweetly perfumed. Tall grower, with very distinct broad foliage. 1—2—3.

MAD. BUCQUET (Dessert). Very pretty, perfectly shaped bloom. Color dark velvety amaranth. Good upright habit and free bloomer. Next to Mons. Martin Cahuzac this is the darkest red. 1—2.

MAD. DUCÉL (Mechin). Large, wonderfully built flower; broad guard petals, center ball-shaped, very full and compact. The closely set small petals are beautifully curled, as in a chrysanthemum. Whole flower solid color of silvery, lilac pink. Foliage very fresh dark green. Very distinct and floriferous. Blooms early. Indispensable. 1—2.

MARGUERITE GERARD (Crousse). Large, full flower; tall upright grower. Flesh changing to soft flesh-white, with creamy white center. A profuse bloomer, opening all its flowers perfectly. An exceedingly choice and indispensable variety. Have an exceptionally fine lot of two-year plants this season. 1—2—3.

MARIE JACQUIN. Glossy, flesh-white, with rosy tinge to bud. Exquisitely beautiful, moderately full, cupped flower, retaining this form. Flowers on newly set plants and weak growths often come near single. With its wealth of golden stamens in center, this flower suggests our native pond lily. Fragrance very rich and languorous. Very distinct and fine. 1—2.

MODELE DE PERFECTION (Crousse). Immense, well and evenly formed flower. Color flesh-pink, marbled with bright rose, deepening in center. Flower opens cup-shaped, then develops to a high-pointed center, which afterward opens up, making a very high, built-up flower. Good, erect habit, strong stems and a prodigious bloomer. Very distinct and desirable. Blooms late. 1—2.

SOLFATARE (Calot). Guard petals pure white; center petals narrow, sulphur-yellow. Large, full, fragrant flower on good stem. Exquisitely beautiful. The true Calot variety of this name is one of the most valuable Peonies we possess. In my opinion it leads all of that most charming class—white and yellow. 1—2—3.

SUZANNE DESSERT (Dessert and Mechin). Large and full, broad-petaled flower of a clear china pink color, with silvery border. Good bloomer, distinct in coloring and very showy, "silky" bloom. Put this on your list. 1—2—3.

TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE (Calot). Large, full and beautifully imbricated flower of perfect form. Soft fleshy pink, with white reflex; petals exquisitely dotted and marbled with carmine. One of the very best reliable bloomers and almost unequalled in beauty among the light pinks. 1—2.



Mons. Dupont (See page 20)

Section G

1 year, \$1.25; 2 year, \$2.00; 3 year, \$3.00 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

ALFRED DE MUSSET (Crousse). Well-formed, large, fleshy-white flower, shaded pale salmon, with rosy center. A most charming sort and of most exquisitely fresh coloring. 1—2—3.

EUGENE BIGOT (Dessert). Brilliant, velvety crimson red; flowers large, full and of splendid form. Rather tall grower, late and good bloomer. The best of its color and season. 1—2.

GRANDIFLORA NIVEA PLENA (Lemon). Superb, very large and full flower; white, tinted delicate sulphur, with carmine stripes at center. An early variety of wondrous beauty, opening before Festiva Maxima. Indispensable to every fine collection. 1—2.

MAD. DE GALHAU (Crousse). Enormous, imbricated flower, coming on tall, firm, erect stems. Color soft, glossy, flesh-pink, shaded with transparent salmon. A superb, late variety of ideal habit, and a good, profuse bloomer. The buds often begin to open one-sided, but they invariably develop slowly into prize-winning blooms. 1—2—3.

MLLE. ROUSSEAU (Crousse). Very large and full flower with broad petals. Sulphur-white with flesh colored center, shaded salmon; fragrance strong and agreeable. A high class variety of great merit. 1—2.

Section H

1 year, \$1.50; 2 year, \$2.50; 3 year, \$4.00 each.

Each variety can be supplied this year only in ages indicated by figures following description.

AUGUSTE VILLAUME (Crousse). An enormous flower, very full, and of splendid form and habit. Rich, deep pink; flowers opening perfectly. Decidedly the best, very late, dark pink. 1—2.

EUGENIE VERDIER (Calot). Flesh-pink, changing to white in center. An enormous flower coming on exceedingly long stems, somewhat drooping. This is one of the most distinct, impressive and beautiful Peonies in cultivation, and should not be confused with Eugene Verdier, from which it is entirely different. 1—2.

GRANDIFLORA (Richardson). Large, full flower, flesh, changing to fleshy white; very fragrant. This, a famous Richardson seedling, is one of the very last of all Peonies to bloom. 1—2—3.

LAMARTINE (Calot). Large to immense, very full flower, delicate baby pink with silvery reflex; rather early. In good soil this will turn out one of the Peonies to bow down to. Sold also as Gigantea. 1.

LA TENDRESSE. Large and very full, creamy white flower of distinct formation blooming medium late. A rather unusual sort. 1—2.

MONS. JULES ELIE (Crousse). Immense, globular, very full flower; glossy, fresh pink, deeper at base of petals; silvery reflex on whole bloom. Glossy, light green foliage. Superlatively fine. When well grown this is the largest and grandest of all pink Peonies. 1—2.

PIERRE DESSERT (Mechin). Brilliant, dark amaranth-red flower shaded garnet with velvetish reflex. Large, full bloom. 1—2.

Section I

A few rarely beautiful things for the connoisseur.

ADOLPHE ROUSSEAU (Dessert). Deep brilliant red with metallic reflex; enormous flower on tall, stiff stems. Ideal habit. This variety attracts more general attention and receives more admiration than any other red in our collection. Usually the flower, which is of extraordinary size and stands above surrounding sorts, is not very full, although on the strongest stems of established plants the flower is quite well built up to the center. (See cut, page 21.) 1 year, \$2.50; 2 year, \$4.00.

AUORE (Dessert). "Large, cup-shaped flower, very soft flesh-pink, salmoned yellow at base of petals, stamens very prominent." This, a comparatively new French variety, was greatly admired here the past season. It is of good habit, very free-blooming and lasts well. A dainty and charming sort. 1 year, \$2.00; 2 year, \$3.50; 3 year, \$5.00.

BARONESS SCHROEDER (Kelway). Very large and full creamy-white flower of unusual depth and softness. Splendid habit and bloomer; medium late. A flower to conjure with among connoisseurs. 1 year, \$2.50; 2 year, \$4.00.

CLAIRE DUBOIS (Crousse). Very large, globular flower, very full, convex, tufted; petals laciniated and incurved. Color of the finest original pink; glossy reflex. Late mid-season bloomer. A grand flower. 1 year, \$2.00; 2 year, \$3.50.

GERMAINE BIGOT (Dessert). Large to very large fleshy-pink flower, tinged pale rose; full bloom, fragrant and of good habit. Stamens visible throughout flower. A new French variety, the introducer stating that it is a variety of "exquisite coloring and great beauty." 1 year, \$3.00; 2 year, \$5.00.

MAD. EMILE LEMOINE (Lemoine). Large and full, globular bloom, rosy, creamy white; a very delicate and fresh coloring. Fragrant. One of the fine new French varieties. Not only is the flower one of the finest of all whites but in both habit and blooming qualities it is ideal. 1 year, \$2.50; 2 year, \$4.00.

MAD. LEMONIER (Calot). Exceedingly large, full flower, coming on exceptionally tall, erect stems. Color very distinct and attractive, lilac shading to white. This unusually fine Peony is very different from any other in cultivation, and should not be confused with Madame Lemoinier, also a Calot variety. 1 year, \$2.50; 2 year, \$4.00.

MARCELLE DESSERT (Dessert). "Large, finely shaped bloom; glossy, creamy white, very slightly splashed carmine, center slightly flecked with crimson; fragrance of a tea rose. Good habit and fine foliage. A variety of great beauty." (Above is originator's description of a new French variety.) 1 year, \$2.50; 2 year, \$4.00.

MARIE CROUSSE (Crousse). Very large, full, beautifully formed and rounded flower of the most exquisite shade of salmon pink imaginable, fairly glowing with freshness. Good habit and bloomer. I have sold large plants of this variety at \$25.00 each to those who have seen it in bloom. Very distinct and rare. I have an exceptionally nice lot of 2 year stock this year. 1 year, \$3.00; 2 year, \$5.00.

MILTON HILL (Richardson). Like most of Richardson's varieties this is one of the latest Peonies to bloom, and is considered one of his greatest productions. As the flower opens up in bird-nest form it is found to be crowded with small, salmon-pink petals of the most exquisite and pure shade, and despite what you may have said of any Peony which preceded it, you will now declare that this variety is incomparable. Good, strong grower with very distinct yellowish-green foliage. I warmly commend this to the connoisseur. 1 year, \$2.50.

MIREILLE (Crousse). Very large, full, milky white flower of unusual richness and distinctiveness. Good habit, and blooms very late. 1 year, \$2.00; 2 year, \$3.50.

MONS. MARTIN CAHUZAC (Dessert). Large to very large, full and well-formed flower. A solid ball of very deep maroon with blackish lustre, changing to metallic. Good, erect habit. A variety of surpassing merit and by far the darkest Peony yet produced. 1 year, \$5.00.

NUMBER 2. This is one of the most striking of all the late varieties. The flower is immense, very full and evenly formed; color a medium light, even pink, changing to silvery pink. Profuse annual bloomer. I have had it from abroad for about eight years and cannot identify it. Superb. 1 year, \$2.00; 2 year, \$3.50.

PIERRE DUCHARTRE (Crousse). Very large, cup-shaped, imbricated bloom, densely crowded with petals. Soft flesh-pink with glossy reflex; silvery border. One of the latest Peonies to bloom, and one of the most perfect and beautiful as well. 1 year, \$3.00; 2 year, \$5.00.

REINE HORTENSE (Calot). This I consider to be about the finest all-around pink Peony in existence. The flower is large, full and very evenly formed, moderately light, even pink in shade; buds crimson flecked. Habit very good and always a reliable bloomer, every flower developing perfectly. A real diamond. 1 year, \$6.00.

SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine). One of Lemoine's recent gems, and should not be confounded with the old Sarah Bernhardt of Dessert, now listed under Umbellata Rosea. This is a really great Peony, soft, even pink in shade, the flower being very large and full, evenly formed, and produced in profusion on a very strong growing plant. Having tested this variety for four years myself I can most earnestly recommend it. 1 year, \$6.00.

THERESE (Dessert). This is one of Dessert's greatest peonies and has been one of the most sought for and admired varieties at the exhibitions of recent years. The flower is extremely large and full, the petals graduating to quite small in the center, and rather pointed. In color it is a most exquisite shade of tender pink, blending into white, and is a most profuse sure bloomer, developing its flowers perfectly. Distinct from any other peony in cultivation, the demand will continue greater than the supply for many years to come, and consequently the price is likely to remain rather high. 1 year, \$7.50.



A single plant of Duchesse de Nemours which by actual count bore this year 79 main flowers; i. e., after all side buds were removed.
(See page 18 and front cover.)

Single Herbaceous Peonies

In foliage, and habit of growth and bloom, these are similar to the double Peonies. The flower, however, has but one row of petals with a wealth of golden stamens in center making a graceful and very attractive bloom which is rapidly meeting with public favor.

DEFIANCE (Terry). One of the most striking of the single Peonies. In color between a pink and a red. The plant is a very strong grower and enormously productive. The general effect is exceptionally showy. 1 year, \$1.00; 2 year, \$2.00.

PRINCESS MATHILDE (Dessert). A charming French variety, china pink, splashed and tipped with silvery white. Large flower, good grower and of fine habit. 1 year, \$2.00; 2 year, \$3.00.

QUEEN OF MAY. A delightful, free-blooming variety of a clear rose-pink color. 1 year, 75 cents; 2 year, \$1.50.

ROSY DAWN. Blush-white, changing on opening to pure white. Flower very large and one of the very finest of the single whites. 1 year, \$1.50.

THE MOOR. Very showy and rich, deep crimson-red flower of unusual lasting qualities. Good grower and profuse, sure bloomer. Splendid for massing effects. Decidedly the best very dark single red. 1 year, 60 cents; 2 year, \$1.00; 3 year, \$1.60.

"Old-Fashioned Red" Peony

OFFICINALIS RUBRA PLENA. This is the old-fashioned red herbaceous Peony of old-time gardens. Its season of bloom is between that of the Tree and Chinese or Albiflora classes, flowering in time for Decoration Day throughout the middle North. The flower is of moderate size, full and brilliant red. 1 year, 35 cents; 2 year, 60 cents; 3 year, \$1.00.

Mixed Peonies

I offer these in "divisions," by which is meant separated roots just as we divide all stock for first plantings. They are made up exclusively from named varieties where the labels have been lost and such sorts as have been on test and found either to resemble too closely already existing varieties or not sufficiently good to find a place in our limited and select collection. There is not an unnamed seedling, such as usually are used in "mixed" lots, among them. Planted where color effect is not important, they will prove most useful for quantities of cut blooms, but do not expect too much the first year.

A purchase of these carries with it the delightful charm of uncertainty with, however, the certainty that you are sure to draw some prize winners. A real "bargain."

We cannot accept orders for these in certain colors, nor for less than 25 roots.

\$10.00 per 100; \$5.00 per 50; \$3.00 per 25.

Prospective purchasers will find pages
30 and 31 of real interest.



Marechal MacMahon (See page 17)

ABOUT OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

These are all exact reproductions from our own photographs — not “made up” with an artist’s brush.

Peony Collections

These are made up from my best stock and are especially recommended to any one desiring a small collection and who is unacquainted with the merits of the different sorts. The Standard Collection embraces the best among the low-cost sorts. The Royal Collection is made up of gems of the first water, and will make a Peony enthusiast of any one possessing an appreciation of the beautiful in Nature. The Diamond Collection is for those who desire something extraordinarily fine and rare and not likely to be found in one's neighbor's garden.

STANDARD COLLECTION

		1 year	2 year
BOULE DE NEIGE	Sec. C.....	\$0.60	\$1.00
DUCHESS D'ORLEANS	" A.....	.35	.60
DUKE OF WELLINGTON	" C.....	.60	1.00
EDULIS SUPERBA	" A.....	.35	.60
GENERAL BERTRAND	" C.....	.60	1.00
JENNY LIND	" B.....	.50	.85
LA TULIPE	" C.....	.60	1.00
MARECHAL VALLIANT	" E.....	.50	.85
MARIE STUART	" D.....	.75	1.25
MATHILDE DE ROSENECK	" B.....	.50	.85
PULCHERRIMA	" B.....	.50	.85
RUBENS	" B.....	.50	.85
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		\$6.35	\$10.70
The set for.....		\$4.50	\$7.50

ROYAL COLLECTION

		1 year	2 year
AVALANCHE	Sec. F.....	\$1.00	\$1.60
DUCHESS DE NEMOURS	" D.....	.75	1.25
EUGENE BIGOT	" G.....	1.25	2.00
FELIX CROUSSE	" E.....	.85	1.35
FESTIVA MAXIMA	" C.....	.60	1.00
JEANNE D'ARC	" C.....	.60	1.00
MAD. CALOT	" D.....	.75	1.25
MARGUERITE GERARD	" F.....	1.00	1.60
MONS. DUPONT	" E.....	.85	1.35
OCTAVIE DEMAY	" E.....	.85	1.35
PHILOMELE	" C.....	.60	1.00
TRIOMPHE DE LILLE	" F.....	1.00	1.60
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		\$10.10	\$16.35
The set for.....		\$7.50	\$13.00

DIAMOND COLLECTION

		1 year
ADOLPHE ROUSSEAU	Sec. I.....	\$2.50
ASA GRAY	" F.....	1.00
AUGUSTE VILLAUME	" H.....	1.50
BARONESS SCHROEDER	" I.....	2.50
EUGENIE VERDIER	" H.....	1.50
MAD. DE GALHAU	" G.....	1.25
MAD. EMILE LEMOINE	" I.....	2.50
MAD. LEMONIER	" I.....	2.50
MILTON HILL	" I.....	2.50
NUMBER 2	" I.....	2.00
PIERRE DUCHARTRE	" I.....	3.00
REINE HORTENSE	" I.....	6.00
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		\$28.75
The set for.....		\$20.00

No further discounts allowed on these sets.

The Test

What I Have Done for Others, I Can Do for You

The following extracts from letters, limited, unfortunately, to so very few, because of lack of space, will, I think, convince the prospective purchaser who does not know me, that my Peonies are all, and a little more, than I claim for them.

216 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md., Sept. 29, 1916.

In a letter received from you sometime ago, you stated that the roots you would send me would be a revelation—they are in every sense of the word. These roots were planted for me by an old gardener who has known nothing but flowers for half a century and he tells me that they are the finest and most promising lot of roots that have ever come to his notice and he knows his business, too.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to write the foregoing, for I must frankly confess that I was just a little doubtful. All doubt has been dispelled, as you have fulfilled to the letter all claims made by you—nay, you have exceeded these claims.

W. G. BLANDFORD.

Beaver, Pa., June 28, 1917.

I desire to thank you for the magnificent peonies which I bought of you last year, everyone of which grew and has bloomed profusely. I have been buying and growing peonies for fifteen years and I never in all my experience saw such magnificent peonies the first year planted.

JOHN B. McCLURE.

The Farmers National Bank, Kittanning, Pa., Oct. 5, 1916.

My order of peony roots, thanks to your admirable packing, arrived in first class condition and, as usual, are big, strong, healthy looking fellows, with big plump eyes that mean business. I also had the pleasure of seeing the roots which you shipped Mr. _____ and Mrs. _____ of this city and we are all of one mind, that the Peterson product cannot be excelled.

GEO. B. FLEMING.

805 Third Ave. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 12, 1916.

Enclosed is a draft to pay for peonies. I had also just bought a few one-year old roots from another firm and want to say that yours are far more satisfactory. I never saw such strong roots and so many eyes in one-year old roots before. I wanted you to know I am well pleased.

MRS. W. H. FRICK.

80 Montclair Ave., Montclair, N. J., Sept. 26, 1916.

My order of peonies reached me yesterday in splendid condition. I had a man from our local florist's set them today and he told me of the hundreds he had set he had set few orders which were as fine as yours, in fact, he said one of your roots would make two or three ordinary plants.

(MRS.) EDITH T. BRIDGE.

Hamburg, N. Y., August 10, 1916.

The peony roots purchased of you were the finest roots I ever saw. This year they all bloomed and the beauty of them surpassed my expectation by far. People came to see them from near and far and went into raptures over them. It is by far the finest collection in Hamburg.

MRS. GEO. J. BRENDAL.

Homestead Steel Works, Munhall, Pa., Feb. 16, 1917.

I must cheerfully grant you that the peonies you sent last Fall exceeded my expectation. I was actually astounded at their size and vigor. Really, I didn't think there were such "animals."

CHAS. MIERZWA.

Winsted, Conn., March 1, 1917.

I ordered some peonies of you last Fall and say! If they had been half as good roots I would have been delighted—great clumps such as I never saw before.

E. W. JONES.

Edgewood, R. I., June 12, 1917.

All the peony roots I purchased from you in 1915 and 1916 are doing wonderfully well and I cannot tell you how much pleasure we have with them.

MRS. EDWIN SPEIDEL.

Rolfe, Iowa, June 20, 1917.

My peonies are now out en masse and are sure a delight to behold. Lovers of flowers are going "crazy" over them.
"May the peace of Allah be with you."

WARD FERGUSON.

Lime Ridge, Pa., Nov. 13, 1916.

The peony roots arrived very promptly and are so splendid I am charmed with them.

MRS. MYRON I. LOW.

Bangor, Pa., June 21, 1917.

Last Fall I purchased of you the Royal Collection of peonies. They are blooming this year and are magnificent.

JOSEPH M. R. LONG.

Milledgeville, Ill., Nov. 12, 1916.

Just to tell you how pleased we are with the peony roots you sent us. We did not know such roots could be bought.

MRS. I. N. EVANS.



Jenny Lind (See page 15)

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